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A map of the state of New Hampshire. The outline of the state is shown. Several locations are marked with dots and labeled: Whitefield (in the north), Concord (in the center), Langdon (in the west), Dover (in the east), Manchester (in the south), and Nashua (in the south).

Training A New Generation of Motorcyclists

The Motorcycle Challenge

Motorcycle riding in New Hampshire has become a popular form of recreation and transportation for thousands of residents throughout the Granite State. Because of its growing popularity, the New Hampshire Division of Motor Vehicles offers the following instructional courses to make your motorcycle riding a safer and more enjoyable experience:

Basic Rider Course Intermediate Rider Course Experienced Rider Course

These training courses are for **New Hampshire residents only** who hold a valid operator's license. If an applicant is between the ages of 16 and 18, the applicant must be licensed for a period of 90 days prior to the start of the class. These training courses are designed to enhance your street survival skills by teaching the safety features of riding a motorcycle.

Motorcycles and helmets are provided for both the Basic and Intermediate Courses only. For all courses, students must wear over-the-ankle footwear, long pants, a long sleeved shirt or jacket, full-fingered gloves, protective eye wear, and a U.S. Department of Transportation approved helmet.

All tuition costs are non-refundable and do not include the cost of a New Hampshire Motorcycle License

Motorcycle Rider Course Descriptions

Basic Rider Course

This 20-hour course teaches the basic skills needed to operate a motorcycle in traffic. The first half of the course familiarizes each student with the location and operation of the controls. Students then practice riding on 125cc and 250cc motorcycles to demonstrate they have the strength, balance and coordination to perform straight-line riding, shifting, turning and stopping exercises.

The second half of the course introduces students to street riding strategies needed when sharing the road with other vehicles. Skills include emergency braking, swerving and proper cornering techniques. All exercises are conducted on a protected range. Students who successfully complete this course are exempt from taking the required state skills test to obtain a motorcycle license. **The Basic Rider Course is \$85.** This class runs one or two consecutive weekends - Friday evenings 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., and from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Applicants may choose a "split weekend" course, which runs two consecutive Friday evenings, and either two Saturdays, or two Sundays. Some weekday courses are also available.

Intermediate Rider Course

This 8-hour refresher course is designed for the student who has completed the basic course, within a twelve month period, and wishes more range practice on the motorcycle. Emphasis is placed on the skill needs of the student. Repeating the skills test at the completion of the course is optional.

The Intermediate Rider Course is \$45. This class runs up to 8 hours and is normally held on Saturdays and/or Sundays.

Experienced Rider Course

This 8-hour course is designed for riders with at least one year motorcycle rider experience and/or 2,000 miles. Classroom discussions include safe riding habits. Range exercises involve various skill exercises. Students use **their own motorcycles** for range exercises. Applicants must have a valid driver's license with a motorcycle endorsement. Motorcycles must be state inspected and in safe operating condition. Proper riding gear is required. **The Experienced Rider Course is \$50.** This class runs on Saturdays or Sundays 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (you must supply your own motorcycle and riding gear).